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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Statistical Commission held its forty-eighth session at United Nations Headquarters from 7 to 10 March 2017. The Commission held ___ meetings.

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by the representatives of the 24 States members of the Commission. Also in attendance were observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-Member States, representatives of United Nations system organizations and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.3/2017/INF/1.

C. Election of officers

3. At its 1st meeting, on 7 March, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chair:
Wasmália **Bivar** (Brazil)

Vice-Chairs:
Zachary **Mwangi** Chege (Kenya)
Yutaka **Arai** (Japan)
Georges-Simon **Ulrich** (Switzerland)

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D. Agenda and organization of work

4. At its 1st meeting, on 7 March, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/CN.3/2017/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Items for discussion and decision:
   (a) Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
   (b) Transformative agenda for official statistics;
   (c) Regional statistical development;
   (d) Big data for official statistics;
   (e) Quality assurance in the global statistical system;
   (f) Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics;
   (g) Integration of statistical and geospatial information;
   (h) Social statistics;
   (i) Statistics on drugs and drug use;
   (j) National accounts;
   (k) Environmental-economic accounting;
   (l) International Comparison Programme;
   (m) Business registers;
   (n) Tourism statistics;
   (o) Statistics for economies based on natural resources.
4. Items for information:
   (a) Demographic statistics;
   (b) Household surveys;
   (c) Health statistics;
   (d) Education statistics;
   (e) Price statistics;
   (f) Short-term economic statistics;
   (g) Finance statistics;
   (h) International trade and economic globalization statistics;
   (i) Agricultural and rural statistics;
   (j) Coordination of statistical programmes;
   (k) Statistical capacity-building;
   (l) Common open standards for the exchange and sharing of data and metadata;

(m) Follow-up to the policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.

5. Programme questions (Statistics Division).

6. Provisional agenda and dates for the forty-ninth session of the Commission.

7. Report of the Commission on its forty-eighth session.

5. At the same meeting, the Commission approved the provisional programme of work and timetable of the session (E/CN.3/2017/L.1).

6. Also at its 1st meeting, the Commission invited the following intergovernmental organizations to participate as observers at its forty-eighth session: the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics; the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa; the Eastern Africa Statistical Training Centre; the Eurasian Economic Commission; and the European Free Trade Association.

E. Documentation

7. The documents before the Commission at its forty-eighth session are available from https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/48th-session/documents/.